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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU AUTHORIZES THE MICRONESIAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION TO RECEIVE OVER \$2.5 MILLION AND HAWAIIAN TELCOM, INC. TO RECEIVE OVER \$4 MILLION IN CONNECT AMERICA PHASE II SUPPORT

WC Docket No. 10-90

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) authorizes the Micronesian Telecommunications Corporation (MTC) to receive Connect America Phase II model-based support for the Northern Mariana Islands and authorizes Hawaiian Telcom Inc. (Hawaiian Telcom) to receive Connect America Phase II model-based support for the state of Hawaii. On April 29, 2015, the Bureau released a public notice announcing the offers of model-based Phase II support to each price cap carrier to fund the deployment of voice and broadband-capable networks in their service territories. In a letter dated August 7, 2015, MTC accepted model-based support and committed to satisfy the service obligations for Phase II. Hawaiian Telcom submitted a letter to the Commission accepting model-based support and committing to satisfy the Phase II service obligations on August 20, 2015.

Accordingly, we authorize and direct the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) to obligate and disburse from the Universal Service Fund the Phase II support amounts identified below for MTC and Hawaiian Telcom.⁴ As required by the Commission,⁵ consistent with MTC and Hawaiian Telcom's election, we direct USAC to disburse to each carrier from the broadband reserve account a lump sum payment associated with January through July 2015 because the Phase II model-based support for the areas where they are accepting support is greater than their Phase I support.

¹ Wireline Competition Bureau Announces Connect America Phase II Support Amounts Offered to Price Cap Carriers to Expand Rural Broadband, WC Docket No. 10-90, Public Notice, 30 FCC Rcd 3905 (Wireline Comp. Bur. 2015).

² Letter from James Oehlerking, Chief Executive Officer, IT&E, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Docket No. 10-90 (filed Aug. 13, 2015). *See also* Letter from James Oehlerking, Chief Executive Officer, IT&E, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Docket No. 10-90 (filed Aug. 21, 2015).

³ Letter from Steven P. Golden, Vice President, External Affairs, Hawaiian Telcom, Inc., to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Docket No. 10-90 (filed Aug. 20, 2015).

⁴ If the Bureau determines that there is a discrepancy between the number of model-determined locations and the actual number of locations in a price cap carrier's service area in a state, the Commission has delegated authority to the Bureau to adjust the number of funded locations and the associated funding levels on a pro rata basis. *Connect America Fund et al.*, WC Docket No. 10-90 et al., Report and Order, 29 FCC Rcd 15644, 15659, para. 38 n.88 (2014).

⁵ *Id.* at 15678, para. 93.

| | | Number of Funded | |
|--------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Carrier | State/Territory | Locations | Amount of Support |
| Micronesian Telecommunications | Northern Mariana | | |
| Corporation | Islands | 11,143 | \$ 2,627,177 |
| Hawaiian Telcom, Inc. | Hawaii | 11,081 | \$ 4,424,319 |

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